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THE WEATHER  
Showers and somewhat  
partly cloudy today;  
Highest temperature yesterday, 87; West, 69.  
Detailed weather, mail and marine reports on page 13.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

## SPY CHARGES MAY FORCE U. S. TO ACT

Disclosures of German Ac-  
tivity Expected to Spur  
Washington.

OFFICIALS WATCH  
DEVELOPMENTS

Sift "Evidence" Offered—  
Reject Much of It—  
Want Proof.

More disclosures concerning the ac-  
tivities of agents of the German Govern-  
ment in this country were made  
yesterday.

There were reports and correspon-  
dence alleged to show that while the  
German Government was seeking an  
embargo in this country against the  
shipment of munitions of war to the  
Allies her agents here were secretly  
buying up the output of several am-  
munition plants.

Two of these plants are the Bridge-  
port Projectile Company, which in  
turn was making a contract with the  
Aetna Smokeless Powder Company, and  
the American Oil and Supply Company,  
which obtained carbolic acid from the  
Thomas A. Edison, Inc.

Reports from Washington indicate  
that the Administration is closely  
studying the exposures of German ac-  
tivities in this country, and that if  
evidence proves that any German diplo-  
mat was engaged in fomenting strikes  
in America some definite action will be  
taken.

From Providence, R. I., came a  
story that the German Government  
has spies in the State Department and  
the Treasury Department on Wash-  
ington.

Ambassador von Bernstorff when  
seen at the Ritz-Carlton last night  
said: "The German Embassy will  
take official cognizance of the charges  
involving its officials which have been  
made in the public press when the  
proper time comes. It would be un-  
dignified to answer them piecemeal at  
this time."

CHARGES ARE SIFTED.  
Government Wants Positive Proof  
Before Action.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Officials of  
the Administration are following with  
interest the charges and disclosures in  
regard to the activities of German  
diplomats and secret service agents in  
the United States. Washington authorities  
are not ready yet to express any  
opinion as to whether the facts thus far  
disclosed warrant action by this Govern-  
ment either in the way of criminal  
prosecutions or in bringing about the  
withdrawal of German diplomatic repre-  
sentatives. The attitude of the Presi-  
dent and the State Department officials  
is at the present simply one of waiting  
and no decision is likely to be reached  
until they are convinced that all avail-  
able facts are in their possession.

Bruce Blaisdell, head of the Depart-  
ment of Justice secret service staff, has  
just returned to Washington after a trip  
of a week or more to New York and  
New England investigating these Ger-  
man activities.

He had a conference today with Sec-  
retary Lansing and it was apparent  
that he was reporting to the Secretary  
of State the results of his efforts.

Attorney-General Gregory, when ques-  
tioned today in regard to the attitude  
of the Department of Justice toward  
probable violations of neutrality laws,  
said that the Department would proceed  
legally against any person whom it be-  
lieved to have violated those laws, re-  
gardless of his standing.

Apparently this statement was not  
intended to apply to diplomatic officers,  
for it was pointed out that diplomats are  
exempt from prosecutions for most of-  
fenses and that the only effective way  
by which the Government could deal  
with them would be through the State  
Department by seeking their recall.

While it has been the policy of the  
Washington Government thus far to  
close its eyes to offensive German ac-  
tivities, there is a strong probability  
that the flood of disclosures and charges  
now being made will force the Govern-  
ment to act. If it is clearly established  
that German diplomats have been seri-  
ously involved in do with fomenting  
strikes in this country it will of course  
be necessary for the Government to pro-  
ceed without delay against them.

The step has been agreed upon by  
Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy,  
and Belgium.

WANT IT ON LIST.  
Londoners Postpone Meeting, but  
Urge Government to Act.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, Aug. 16.—Promoters of the  
second cotton contraband meeting, which  
was to be held in London yesterday, an-  
nounced that the gathering has been  
postponed a week, in view of the reports  
that the Government intends to declare  
cotton contraband.

## MEXICANS KILL U. S. TROOPS.

Battle With Bandits Raging Near  
Merced, Tex.

BROWNVILLE, TEX., Aug. 16.—It was  
reported here to-night that an armed  
force of Mexicans had crossed the bor-  
der near Merced and had been in a  
fight with an outpost of United States  
cavalry.

Lieut. Reynan of the Texas Rangers  
was in telephone communication with  
Adj. Gen. Hutchings and told the latter  
that two American soldiers had been  
hit by Mexican bullets. One was Cor-  
poral Wilman of Troop C, Twelfth Cav-  
alry, who was killed, and the other was  
Lieut. Roy O. Henry of the same troop,  
who was slightly wounded.

It is understood that the Mexicans  
numbered about 270 and were all heavily  
armed. They are only part of a much  
larger force which is said to have  
been straggling over the border for  
several days and the members of which  
have committed many depredations.

## WOMAN ACCUSED OF ARSON.

Police Say Dr. Hackel's Widow  
Set Her Place Afire.

Mrs. Johanna Hackel, widow of Dr.  
Herman A. Hackel, who died five  
years ago, was arrested last night  
by Deputy Fire Marshal William S. Em-  
erson and charged with arson. The po-  
lice say that Mrs. Hackel set fire to  
her apartment in the Florette apart-  
ments, 615 West 143d street, about 2  
o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Several postcard boxes were found  
beneath the apartment, which Mrs. Hackel  
denies the charge and said she was  
not in the apartment at the time. Neigh-  
bors said they saw her leave the apart-  
ment twenty minutes before the fire was  
noticed. She was locked up at the West  
123d street station.

## WIND AND HIGH SEAS BATTER GALVESTON

Seawall Saves City From De-  
struction—Town Dark and  
Wires Are Down.

GALVESTON, TEX., Aug. 16.—A severe  
tropical storm struck Galveston today,  
and to the strength of the sea wall the  
city owes its safety. The sea was high,  
but to-night the wall is unbroken and  
no apprehension is felt by residents of  
the city.

At midnight the storm is still raging  
with the barometer registering 29. The  
wind thunders the afternoon and to-  
night blew at a velocity of sixty to sev-  
enty-four miles an hour with occasional  
gusts which registered ninety miles.

The city is in darkness owing to the  
backwater from the bay, which in some  
places is three feet deep and which has  
put the power plants out of commission.  
No telephone line is working and the  
local telephone service has been discon-  
tinued. The only means of communica-  
tion is a telephone line running to  
Houston.

Hundreds of cellars are flooded and  
rescuers in boats are going about the  
low lying streets taking frantic per-  
sons from buildings.

All the homes along the beach and in  
the lower sections of the city have been  
abandoned. It was reported to-night  
that the owners have been taken into the  
boats in the city or to the high ground  
back from the Gulf. The water is sev-  
eral feet deep in many of these sec-  
tions and the wind may lift the build-  
ings from their foundations.

City officials have been unable to as-  
certain if any lives have been lost. Police  
boats were able to navigate the street  
where they were partly flooded. From  
the hurricane by the buildings, but they  
could not venture into the open. The  
last persons in from the exposed places  
about Galveston, however, reported that  
all had got away safely.

There was four feet of water in the  
Galveston station of the Santa Fe Rail-  
road at 7 o'clock this evening. Trains  
had abandoned the station and refugees  
were being taken on board trains at a  
higher place quite a distance from the  
station.

## ISLE OF PINES HIT HARD.

American Citrus Grove Owners  
Loss Will Reach \$500,000.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Aug. 16.—The recent cyclone  
caused damage to American owned cit-  
rus groves on the Isle of Pines amount-  
ing to \$500,000.

The passenger steamer James Cam-  
pell, which was blown ashore on the  
south coast of Cuba, has been released  
by Cuban authorities and safely conveyed  
to Batabanua. The James Campbell  
had abandoned the station and refugees  
were being taken on board trains at a  
higher place quite a distance from the  
station.

## COTTON TO BE CONTRABAND.

Reported Allies Have Notified  
Washington of Decision.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—It is under-  
stood that the Allies' intention to de-  
clare cotton contraband has been com-  
municated unofficially to the State De-  
partment. The delay in making an an-  
nouncement is due, it is said, to the ne-  
cessity of arranging uniform treatment  
of the subject by all the Allies.

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and Belgium.

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## HOSPITAL WORKER ACCUSED AS RIPPER

Woman Who Posed as His  
Wife Tells Story of Child  
Murder Confessions.

HELD IN BALTIMORE CELL

New Inquiry Started Into  
Deaths of Leonore Cohn  
and Charlie Murray.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 16.—Locked up in a  
police station here on a petty charge is a  
man giving his name as Edgar (or  
Edward) Jones, who, according to the  
story of a woman who has been passing  
herself as his wife, is the Jack the Ripper  
who terrorized the East Side of New York  
last spring.

The woman accuses Jones of having  
murdered on March 19 last Leonore  
Anna Cohn and on May 3 Charlie Mur-  
ray. Both children were 5 years old,  
both were murdered in the hallways of  
their homes and the New York police  
have always believed that the same man  
murdered them both.

According to the woman, who says  
that Jones's right name is Attilio Fasco  
and that her own name is Grace Elliott,  
although they have been using the name  
of Jones, both were employed at Belie-  
vue Hospital, which is near the places  
of both murders. Jones was an orderly,  
she says, and she was a cook.

## Tells of Confessions.

On March 19, she says Jones came  
home and she saw that his clothes were  
smeared with blood. (Leonore Cohn was  
murdered on March 19.)

"What is the matter with your  
clothes?" she says she asked Jones, ac-  
cording to Police Captain Santry. She  
then said:

"He told me that he had killed a lit-  
tle girl and requested that I say nothing.  
The next morning the papers were full  
of the murder. I did not tell on him  
because I loved him more than anything  
else in the world."

She related how Jones, or Fasco,  
afterward came to her and confessed he  
had just killed a little boy. The morning  
after this she read in the newspapers  
of the murder of Charlie Murray.

Mr. Benson says the woman was nat-  
urally nervous with regard to the  
amount of the English income tax owing  
to the war, and the knowledge that  
she was being watched by the big nat-  
ional police force was a great inducement for them to invest.

## CHAOS IN EXCHANGE.

Financiers Confer, but Are Silent  
on Steps to Solve Problem.

Complete chaos existed in the foreign  
exchange market yesterday from the  
opening to the close of business last  
night. Never in the experience of the  
oldest exchange expert in the financial  
district had such fluctuations in the  
market been seen. Sterling exchange,  
which closed at 4.69 on Saturday after-  
noon, dropped like a plummet five cents  
in the pound to 4.64, then bounded up  
to 4.67 and closed at 4.65. This  
fluctuation was a drop of four cents in  
the pound for the day. The weakness was  
not confined to sterling. It extended  
throughout the market. Francs, marks,  
Italian lire and Austrian kronen all  
made new low record prices. At the  
close of business last night, as com-  
pared with the American dollar, sterling  
exchange was at a discount of 4 1/2 per  
cent, while francs showed a discount of  
17 per cent, and Italian lire 26.

It is believed that yesterday's break  
more than any other that has occurred  
brought the bankers and statesmen who  
must be done soon to check the depre-  
ciation in sterling. It is certain that more  
activity was shown by the big nat-  
ional and international bankers of this  
city in considering the problem than at  
any previous time since the close of the  
Stock Exchange last year when sterling  
was selling at \$7 the pound.

## Bankers in Conference.

Representatives of all the big nat-  
ional banks were in conference at the  
office of J. P. Morgan & Co. all day.  
Mr. Morgan, for the first time since he  
was wounded by Frank Holt, went back  
to his desk to wrestle with the problem  
and spent the greater part of his time  
in discussion with his partners and rep-  
resentatives of other banks.

At the close of business, however, it  
was said that the bankers were not in a  
position to make any statements as to  
what had been achieved in solving  
the problem. One banker said that he  
was pledged to secrecy. It is believed  
that this promise of silence until ne-  
gotiations have been completed has been  
made by all of the bankers.

It is generally admitted that only a  
great credit or loan for Great Britain  
or France or both can check the advance  
in exchange on Paris and London. Es-  
timates as to the amount necessary to  
achieve this purpose range from \$100,  
000,000 to \$500,000,000.

## Rumor of New British War Tax.

At the close of business last night it  
was rumored that England might see fit  
to place a heavy war tax on all American  
securities held in Great Britain, thus  
causing English holders of American se-  
curities to dispose of their holdings and  
creating a demand for sterling here to  
make remittances, which would advance  
the price as was the case when there was  
heavy liquidation of British held Amer-  
ican securities not long ago to obtain  
funds to meet the \$5,000,000,000  
war loan at 4 1/2 per cent.

The final quotations in exchange last  
night were 4.65 for demand sterling and  
4.66 for cables, as compared with 4.69  
for demand and 4.63 for cables on  
Saturday.

Francs closed at 6.92 for checks and  
6.91 for cables, against a previous close  
of 5.93 and 5.92 respectively.

Marks dropped to 81 1/2 for sight drafts  
and 81 1/4 for cables, as compared with  
81 1/2 for drafts and 81 1/4 for cables on  
Saturday.

Italian lire are quoted at 4.48, against  
6.41 at the close of last week.  
Austrian kronen, against 15.05,  
against 15.10 on Saturday.

## LONDON LIKES PLAN TO ISSUE LOAN HERE

The "Times." However, Be-  
lieves 5 Per Cent. Interest  
Should Be Granted.

EARLY MOVE EXPECTED

A. S. Benn Would Guarantee  
Americans Freedom From  
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## SUBMARINE FIRES ON ENGLISH WEST COAST

John Paul Jones Once At-  
tacked One of the Towns  
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LONDON, Aug. 16.—A German sub-  
marine fired several shots at White-  
haven, Parton and Harrington, towns  
on the western coast of England, be-  
tween 4:30 and 5:30 o'clock this morn-  
ing, according to an announcement by  
the press bureau. No casualties re-  
sulted. Fires, which were started in  
Whitehaven and Harrington, were soon  
extinguished and the damage resulting  
from the attack was slight.

A few shells struck a railway em-  
bankment and train service on one of  
the coast lines was delayed for a short  
time.

The bombardment recalls the last pre-  
vious hostile attack on Whitehaven. It  
was in 1778 and was led by John Paul  
Jones. He surprised the harbor of  
Whitehaven by putting men ashore at night.  
The guns were spiked and the sleeping  
penitentiaries who formed the garrison  
were captured. The arrival of rein-  
forcements made it necessary to retreat  
before the design to fire 300 ships in  
the harbor had been carried out.

Whitehaven, the largest of the three  
towns, has a population of about 25,  
000. It is thirty-six miles southeast of  
Carlisle and is the seat of a small sea-  
going trade. Iron and brass foundries  
and cordage, sailcloth and earthenware  
factories are located there and there are  
extensive coal and iron mines in the im-  
mediate vicinity. Parton, a hamlet, is  
less than two miles north of Whitehaven,  
and three miles beyond Parton is Har-  
rington, a town of about 4,000 popula-  
tion.

All three towns are in County Cum-  
berland, the northernmost of the Irish  
Sea counties of England. Harrington is  
near the entrance to the Solway Firth  
and is only twenty miles southeast of  
the southern coast of Scotland at the  
nearest point.

This attack is the first of any kind  
made on the Irish Sea coast of England  
and the first made by a submarine on  
any part of the British coast.

## TEUTONS TAKE FOUR MORE POLISH TOWNS

Advance at Headlong Speed in  
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GAS SURPRISES GERMANS

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## Leo Frank Lynched by Georgia Mob, Is Report

Crowd Overpowers - Prison  
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ABOUT THIRTY MEN  
WERE IN THE PARTY

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17 (Tuesday, 3:30  
A. M.)—Leo M. Frank, serving a life  
term for the murder of Mary Phagan,  
was taken from the Georgia Prison  
Farm at Milledgeville at 11 o'clock  
last night by a band of armed men,  
who overpowered Warden Smith.  
There were about thirty men in the  
party. It is reported.

An unconfirmed report says Frank  
was lynched about five miles from  
Milledgeville.

Frank was put into an automobile  
by the mob that took him from prison  
and rushed in the direction of Eaton-  
ton. Before the attack all the wires  
leading to the prison were cut.

The mob came to the prison at 11  
o'clock last night. Its work was swift.  
Shortly after 11 o'clock Warden  
Smith telephoned for aid and a posse  
was organized.

In automobiles they soon found the  
trail of the mob and set off in pursuit.  
But the mob had a good start and  
were not sighted at 3 o'clock this  
morning.

One report was that the men in-  
tended to take Frank to Marietta, the  
home of Mary Phagan, and there  
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## NEW MOVE TO REVIVE MONARCHY IN CHINA

Dr. Goodnow Interested in  
Plan to Place Yuan on  
Throne.

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LONDON, Aug. 16.—Several promi-  
nent men of this city, including Frank  
Johnson Goodnow of Johns Hopkins Uni-  
versity, who is legal adviser to the Chinese  
Government, have formed an association  
to consider the advisability of adopting  
a monarchical form of government for  
China in place of the present republic.

The president, Yuan Shih-kai, is  
mentioned among these men as the  
likely ruler of a new monarchy. The  
newspapers this morning printed ac-  
counts of the organization of this as-  
sociation and named Dr. Goodnow as one  
of its members. Dr. Goodnow was  
quoted as saying that a monarchy  
would very likely be a better form of  
government for China than the pres-  
ent republic, adding that such a move-  
ment are different in two countries it  
is impossible to transplant a system  
from one to the other. The United  
States, of course, was meant in the  
comparison.

A sensation has been created in Pekin  
by publication of the accounts and the  
news is being telegraphed to various  
parts of the country. It is known that  
the men heading the association, as well  
as President Yuan Shih-kai have acted  
only after taking counsel with Dr. Good-  
now.

## GIRL SUES WEYERHAEUSER.

Dairymaid Asks \$27,575 for In-  
juries Inflicted by Rich Man's Auto.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16.—Miss Ada  
Diamond, a dairymaid, began suit to-  
day against C. A. Weyerhaeuser, son  
of the late Frederick Weyerhaeuser,  
wealthy lumber man, for \$27,575 for in-  
juries alleged to have been received  
when the Weyerhaeuser automobile  
crushed Miss Diamond's milk wagon.

Miss Diamond said that last January  
the big Weyerhaeuser machine struck  
her wagon, threw her out and inflicted  
permanent injuries upon her. The ac-  
cident happened when the Weyerhaeu-  
sers were passing the winter of their  
home in Pasadena.

What the Editors Say.  
The Berlin Lokomotiv, which is  
known to have close affiliations with the  
German Government, declares Rumania

## GREEK CABINET RESIGNS; WAR PARTY GAINING

Fall of Government Pre-  
ceded by Election of Ven-  
ezelos Supporter.

AUSTRIANS MENACE  
ALBANIAN FRONTIER

Massing of Troops May Be  
New Effort to Divert  
Aid From Serbia.

ALLIES MAY PAY  
BULGARIA'S PRICE

Report From Nish Hints  
Serbs Will Yield—Ru-  
mania "On the Fence."

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—An Athens de-  
patch says that the Greek Cabinet re-  
signed this afternoon after Parliament  
had been convened.

This indicates that the party of M.  
Venizelos, the former Premier, will  
hereafter govern the politics of Greece.

The entrance of the